

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Veneta City Council & Public Contract Review Board
April 27, 2006**

Council Present: Mayor T. J. Brooker, Darrell Carman, Marion Esty, and Sharon Hobart-Hardin

Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator and Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brooker called the City Council & Public Contract Review Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - CORNERSTONE/NORTHEAST EMPLOYMENT CENTER PROJECT

1. Open Public Hearing: Mayor Brooker opened the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest and Ex-Parte Contacts: None

3. Staff Report (Ric Ingham)

City Administrator Ric Ingham said the exemption for the Cornerstone Project would be granted by the adoption of Resolution 913 and would allow the City's development partners to accept more competitive bids for the public improvements within the Veneta Business Park. The public improvements include a street connection between Hwy 126 and Jeans Road. The City needs to follow the normal procurement rules because a portion of the project is being done with public funds. The City is asking the Contract Review Board to exempt the project from the competitive bidding process because the private development partners who are funding the other half of the project can get more competitive bids. The City Attorney prepared the resolution for exemption.

4. Public Testimony

Having no public present, Mayor Brooker temporarily suspended the public testimony until after questions from the Council.

5. Questions from the Council

In response to questions from Marion Esty, Ric said McDougal Bros. Inc. have a partnership with Frontier Resources. McDougal has agreed to be the signor for most of the documents. The two partners have already solicited bids and are ready to make their selection.

Ric said the project needs to be finished by the end of this year to meet the requirements for the Old Growth Funds. The development partners have committed to completing the project within that timeline. Mayor Brooker said they need the exemption from the competitive bidding process to do that.

In response to a question for Darrell Carman, Ric said the second action being requested of the Council is to authorize the mayor to sign the Joint Agreement with the developers.

6. Close of Public Hearing: Having no persons arrive to offer testimony, Mayor Brooker closed the public hearing at 5:45 p.m.
7. Deliberation and Decision:
 - a. **Resolution 913 - JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND LOCAL PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD EXEMPTING A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS.**

MOTION: Sharon Hobart-Hardin made a motion to adopt Resolution 913. Darrell Carman seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

- b. Authorization for the Mayor to sign Joint Development Agreement for the Veneta Business Park.

MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Joint Development Agreement for the Veneta Business Park. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Ric said he would like the Council to consider authorizing the City Administrator to sign all related documents such as the direct deposit forms.

MOTION: Mayor Brooker made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to sign the appropriate forms and documents to carry out the accounting details of the contracts. Marion Esty seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

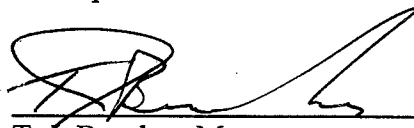
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes for the April 24, 2006 Regular Council meeting

MOTION: Marion Esty made a motion to approve the minutes for April 24, 2006 as presented. Sharon Hobart-Hardin seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 4-0.

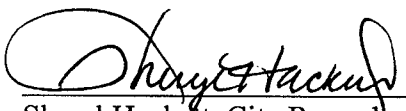
4. ADJOURN

Mayor Brooker adjourned the City Council at 6:46 p.m.



T.J. Brooker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder
(prepared by slhackett)